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TO: NC Chiefs of Police, Agency Heads and Points of Contact

FROM: Kelly J. Thomas, Commissioner *Kelly J. Thomas 3/10/15*

SUBJECT: Redesigned North Carolina Driver Licenses

DATE: March 10, 2015

The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles will launch a new series of secure driver licenses and identification cards in April of 2015. The newly designed licenses are more durable, have a different appearance, and contain many new and improved security features.

Beginning in April, applications for the new license will be taken at a few select driver license offices in the Raleigh area as a pilot. The Division of Motor Vehicles will begin issuing the new licenses statewide by the summer of 2015.

I have asked the License & Theft Bureau to organize a training program introducing the new license to the approximately 31,000 sworn law enforcement officers in the state of North Carolina. With assistance from the North Carolina Education Training & Standards Division, the North Carolina Justice Academy, and the North Carolina Community College System, this training will be made available to all NC law enforcement officers. Training will be provided at various locations across the state, and we hope your agency will participate. Participation ensures that your law enforcement officers are aware of and familiar with the new license. Please check the Justice Academy website for training course schedules and locations.

The License & Theft Bureau is also working closely with Justice Academy staff to update the BLET Motor Vehicle Law block of instruction. We hope to share information about the new license on the Justice Academy website as well.

We look forward to seeing representatives from your agency at the training sessions.

Please be safe out there.